



**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AGENDA
CHESTER R. MARTIN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
141 OAK STREET, TAUNTON, MA 02780**

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MARCH 12, 2013 – 7:00 PM

**INVOCATION
ROLL CALL
RECORDS**

HEARING: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPOINTMENTS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- Pg. 1 Com. from City Auditor – Requesting appointment of Interim City Auditor to sign warrants
- Pg. 2 Com. from Teri Bernert, Director, Downtown Taunton Foundation, 8 Trescott St., Suite 1, Taunton – Requesting use of the portable stage and a waiver of fees
- Pg. 3 Com. from Ernest Cardoza, 5 New Carver St., Raynham – Extending an invitation to the Memorial Day Parade
- Pg. 4 Com. from Chairman, Board of Assessors – Submitting a response regarding the Veteran’s Tax Work off Program

PETITIONS

Claims

Claim submitted by Kerry Champagne, 931 Dighton Woods Circle, Dighton seeking reimbursement for damages to her vehicle from hitting a pothole on Middleboro Ave., East Taunton near the Taunton House of Pizza.

Claim submitted by Lucia Cordeiro, 400 Gibbs St., Fall River seeking reimbursement for damages to her vehicle from hitting a pothole in front of 79 South St., Taunton.

Claim submitted by Sharon Gioioso, 16 Jethol Dr., Assonet seeking reimbursement for damages to her vehicle from hitting multiple potholes on Route 79 heading east just past the Star Drive-In.

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Claim submitted by Lisa Kirkland, 14 Arabian Dr., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her vehicle from hitting a pothole on Broadway in the vicinity of Gaff's.

Claim submitted by Paul Pinheiro, 33 Grace Circle, East Taunton seeking reimbursement to his vehicle from hitting a pothole on Route 79 near the auto auction.

Claim submitted by Jon Scharpenter, 120 Precinct St., Lakeville seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole on Route 79 near 536 Myricks Street.

Pole Location

Petition submitted by Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant and Verizon New England Inc. proposing to place one (1) new joint pole location EL-2S on Berkley Street, Taunton. **(Public Hearing Required)**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Order for a second reading to be ordained on a roll call vote

Ordered That,

\$486,741.00 is appropriated, in addition to the \$270,000 previously appropriated (a total of \$756,741) for the purpose of paying costs of a roof repair/replacement at Galligan School, 15 Sheridan Street, Taunton, MA including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the City of Taunton may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the City of Taunton's Building Committee. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority. The City of Taunton acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs The City of Taunton incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Taunton; provided that any grant that the City may receive from the MSBA for the project shall not exceed the lesser of (i) 74 percent of eligible, approved costs, as determined by MSBA, or (ii) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA ; provided that the borrowing authorized pursuant to this order shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City of Taunton and the MSBA; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Blackwell

**Rose Marie Blackwell
City Clerk**



**CITY OF TAUNTON
AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

**15 Summer Street
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780
(508) 821-1012 Fax (508) 821-1088**

Ann Marie Hebert, CGA
City Auditor

Christina Boyan
Assistant

March 5, 2013

Mayor Thomas Hoye, and
Members of the Municipal Council
City of Taunton
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor and Councilors:

This letter is to inform you that both I and my assistant, Christina Boyan will be attending the Massachusetts Municipal Accountant and Auditor Association's Annual School being held March 17 – 20, 2013, at UMASS Amherst.

Attendance at this school is vital to all Accountants/Auditors' in the state as part of the continuation in the Certified Governmental Accountant Program. As a Certified Government Accountant, my attendance is necessary to maintain this certification, and in addition, I will be an instructor at the school. Christina will be attending the school and will be working towards her certification as a Certified Governmental Accountant.

Therefore, in order that the bill and payroll warrants presented to the Finance and Salaries Committee at the March 19th Municipal Council meeting can be approved, I am requesting that Sandra Kingsbury, be appointed Interim City Auditor in order that she may sign the warrants.

This appointment is for signing purposes only; there are no monetary claims on this temporary appointment.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Respectfully,

Ann Marie Hebert
City Auditor



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March 1, 2013

Mayor Thomas Hoye Jr. & Taunton City Councilors
141 Oak Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Hoye and City Councilors:

On behalf of the Downtown Taunton Foundation (DTF), I am writing to request the use of the **Portable Stage** for the 3rd annual "Taunton Creates" public art festival. The event will be held on the Taunton Green. We have initiated the process for use of the Taunton Green through the city's Parks, Cemeteries & Public Grounds. Upon official approval to use the park, we will need the portable stage to allow better view of the theatre, dance, and musical talents scheduled to perform during the festival. The goal of this event is to celebrate our city's arts and culture while promoting the economic revitalization of our own town. Similar to last year's successful event, this year's "Taunton Creates" festival will feature displays and performances by local artists and interactive art activities for all ages. The event is scheduled to run from 12:00 to 3:00 pm and will be free and open to the public.

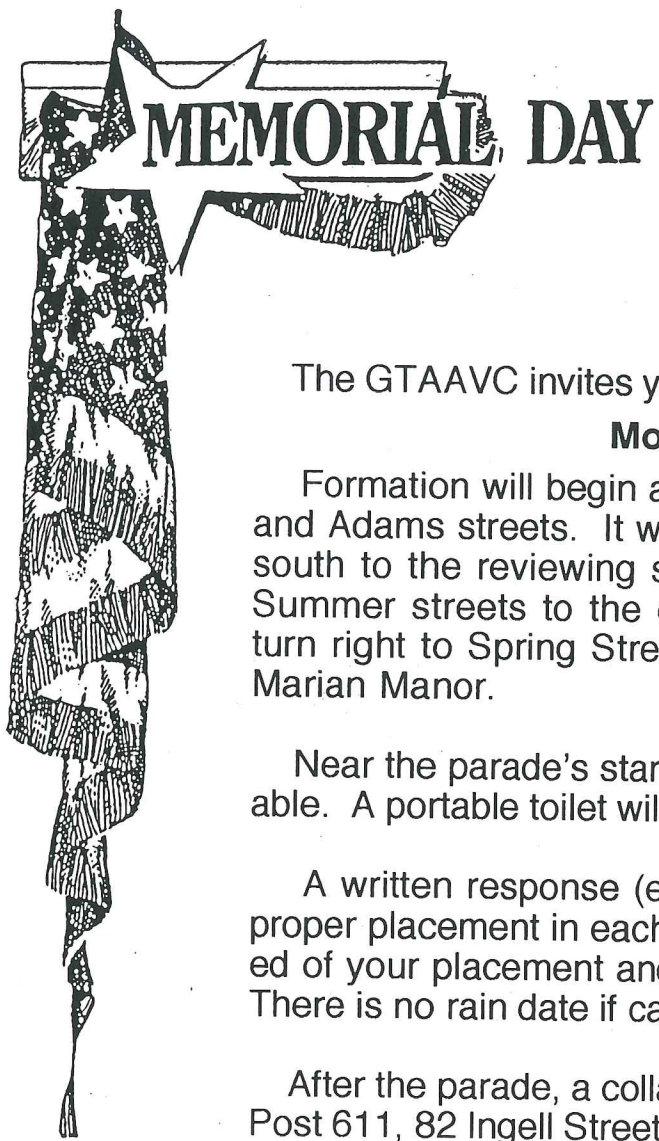
As a non-profit organization with a mission to revitalize downtown Taunton, we are working on a limited budget. We are requesting a waiver of the fee to install the portable stage. The fee would be a hardship for us and reduce the quality of activities offered during the event.

If granted the use of the portable stage for this event, we will be happy to work with the city to ensure that we are in compliance with all regulations regarding its use. Please contact me at 508-824-0484 or tauntonbid@verizon.net if you have any questions or would like additional information. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Teri Bernert", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Teri Bernert, Director
Downtown Taunton Foundation



GREATER TAUNTON
AREA ALLIED VETERANS
COUNCIL, INC.
82 INGELL ST., UNIT 4
TAUNTON, MA 02780-3507

The GTAAVC invites you to its Memorial Day Parade on
Monday, May 27, 2013.

Formation will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Dartmouth, Coram, Bradford and Adams streets. It will start at 1:15 with a right turn to Broadway, south to the reviewing stand on Taunton Green, east on Main and Summer streets to the corner of Church Green and Spring Street, turn right to Spring Street and disband in the parking lot in back of Marian Manor.

Near the parade's start, Hopewell Park's toilet facilities will be available. A portable toilet will be on Church Green near its end.

A written response (e-mail or snail-mail) is needed to insure your proper placement in each division. The contact person will be informed of your placement and cancelation because of inclement weather. There is no rain date if canceled.

After the parade, a collation will be served at David F. Adams V.F.W. Post 611, 82 Ingell Street., Unit 4., Taunton.

Dear GTAAVC:

I (we) will provide one or more of the following:

auto color guard float marching unit musical unit

other (describe) _____

ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

Please reply to Ernest Cardoza, 5 New Carver St., Raynham, MA 02767-1738, no later than Friday, May 3, 2013. E-mail: nestcard@tmlp.com



**CITY OF TAUNTON
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
CITY HALL**

141 Oak Street Taunton, Massachusetts 02780
Tel (508) 821-1011 Fax (508) 821-1096

**Barry Cooperstein, Chairman
Scott DeSantis
Kathy Grein, Secretary**

March 7, 2013

Council President
& Members of the Municipal Council

In response to your question about the Veteran's Tax Work off Program, MGL 59, Sect 5N, here is a list of some positives and negatives to consider:

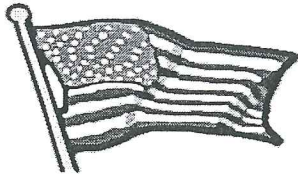
Positives

1. Assisting veterans in paying their Real Estate Tax bills through volunteering.
2. City reaps the benefit of work done.

Concerns

1. Cost of city work hours to implement the program. Departments that would be involved in the program's implementation may include Veteran's Services, Human Resources, Treasurer & Collector, Assessors. There is a substantial amount of work to implement and monitor the program. All departments would be contacted to find available volunteer hours for the veteran.
2. No state reimbursement for the tax abatements.
3. Potential Federal Tax and/or Unemployment Benefits implications for Veteran.
4. Potential liability exposure for the city.
5. Timing of volunteer work to be performed would conflict with the Senior Tax Work Off Program currently in place. The Fiscal calendar would not allow the work to be done outside of the same timeframe that the seniors' program is in place due to ownership requirement and credit of taxes for volunteer work performed.
6. The availability of volunteer positions within the city when compared to the number of potentially eligible veteran volunteers. Currently there are over 2200 veterans that live in the City of Taunton. It would be very difficult to find out the number of those that own homes; therefore, we have no idea of the potential workforce that would apply for this program.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Assessors



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MARCH 12, 2013

HONORABLE THOMAS C. HOYE, JR., MAYOR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN M. McCAUL
AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

PLEASE NOTE: *THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE TEMPORARY CITY HALL AT MAXHAM SCHOOL, 141 OAK STREET, TAUNTON, MA. 02780, IN THE CHESTER R. MARTIN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS*

5:30 PM.

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & SALARIES

1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS
2. MEET TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING
3. MEET WITH THE WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR TO DISCUSS HIS REQUEST FOR A TRANSFER FOR THE PROSPECT HILL RESERVOIR COVER AND TO PURCHASE 2 TRUCKS.
4. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

1. MEET WITH THE BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD CORP. TO DISCUSS THE WALKER SCHOOL PROPERTY.
2. MEET TO DISCUSS ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MOVING EXPENSES FOR NEW CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE AT D.P.W. SITE
3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

1. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON APPLICATION OF WILLIAM FRASIER D/B/A DE-ANTH MOTORS FOR RENEWAL OF THEIR CLASS II WHOLESALER LICENSE.
2. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION OF JAMES BURKE D/B/A A & B REALTY TRUST, 288 BROADWAY TO TRANSFER HIS CLASS II LICENSE TO MANUEL SARMENTO OF PRESTIGE AUTO MART INC. D/B/A PRESTIGE 3 TO BE LOCATED AT 288 BROADWAY
3. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS CONSTABLE:
 - A. DAVID MEOLA, 660 SOUTH PRECINCT ST., EAST TAUNTON - RENEWAL
 - B. MICHELLE PACHECO, 14 MECHANIC STREET, TAUNTON - NEW
4. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF FOR A REVIEW OF THE CLASS II WHOLESALER LICENSES IN THE CITY & DISCUSS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS SUCH AS HAVING AN OFFICE & SEPARATE ENTRANCE
5. MEET TO DISCUSS PROCESS FOR REVIEWING LICENSES PRIOR TO RENEWAL
6. MEET TO DISCUSS POLICE CHIEF'S CONTRACT
7. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

1. MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT WITH TAUNTON POLICE PATROLMEN'S ASSOCIATION, TAUNTON POLICE SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION AND TAUNTON FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 1391, IAFF
2. MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CLAIM FILED BY ATTORNEY PAUL HEALEY ON BEHALF OF ELAINE COSTANZO
3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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RESPECTFULLY,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES